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Ministerial Personals

Rev. P. H. Cressey died at Beverly, Mass., February 24. He was educated as a Congregationalist and joined our fellowship in 1903, served at Groton, Mass., for thirteen years and at Beverly for four years.

Rev. E. B. Young has accepted a call to Athol, Mass., and Rev. R. Rilling to Urbana, Ill.

Rev. A. L. Hudson has resigned at Quincy, Mass., Rev. A. W. Littlefield has resigned at Needham, Mass., to accept a call to Middleboro, Mass.

Rev. J. W. Macdonald has resigned at Melrose, Mass., to accept a call to Lincoln, Neb.

Rev. J. H. Metcalf has resigned at Winchester, Mass., to go with the Relief Unit toTransylvania.

Rev. Sydney B. Snow resigned at King's Chapel, and his resignation takes effect on Easter Sunday.

Journeys

Rev. Sydney B. Snow, Rev. Joel H. Metcalf and Mr. Edward B. Witte, a senior at Harvard and a member of the First Unitarian Church in Buffalo, sailed on Saturday, March 13th, for England, on their way to Transylvania as a relief unit to carry assistance to our distressed Hungarian Unitarian churches.

Appointments

The speaking appointments of the President of the Association, Dr. Eliot, in March, have been at Fredonia, N. Y.; Toledo, Ohio; Detroit and Ann Arbor, Mich.; Columbus, Ohio; Pittsburgh, Pa.; Chicago, Ill.; Sioux City, Ia.; Omaha, Neb.; Denver, Colorado Springs, Greeley, Fort Collins, Col.; and Salt Lake City, Utah.

The appointments of the Secretary, Mr. Cornish, have been at the First Church, Dorchester, Unity Church, Brockton, and the Second Parish, Worcester; the Second Church, King's Chapel, the First Church, and the Church of the Disciples, Boston, and the Unitarian Society, Winchester.

The appointments of the Secretary of the Department of Church Extension, Mr. Simons, have been at Salem, Mass.; New York, N. Y.; Montreal, P. Q.; New Bedford, Mass.; Trenton, N. J.; Philadelphia, Lancaster and Harrisburg, Pa.; Niagara Falls, N. Y.; Toronto, Ont.; and the

First Parish, Cambridge, Mass.

The appointments of the Field Secretary, Mr. Brown, have been at Walpole, N. H.; Windsor and Stowe, Vt.; Littleton, N. H.; Yarmouth and Waterville, Maine; Rochester and Dover, N. H.

Hungarian Commission Mr. Isaac Sprague, Treasurer of the Hungarian Commission, reports on March 11 the receipt of $23,134.44. The need of the starving people in our Unitarian churches of Hungary cannot be exaggerated. We believe that many churches are about to take up their collections, and individuals are preparing to send their own contributions to Mr. Sprague, 25 Beacon Street, Boston.

King's Chapel Service A notable service was held in King's Chapel on Sunday afternoon, March 7th, to send solemn greetings to the ancient Hungarian churches and to commission a unit to go to their relief.

The devotional service was conducted by the Rev. Howard N. Brown, D.D., assisted by the Rev. Eugene R. Shippen of the Second Church. The sermon was preached by the Rev. William H. Drummond of London, who has come to the United States to report upon the conditions in Hungary, which he has recently investigated. A brief address to the Unit was given by the Rev. Samuel A. Eliot, D.D., who gave the commissions to the members of the Unit. Following the addresses the communion service was conducted by Dr. Brown, assisted by Rev. Louis C. Cornish, Rev. Henry Wilder Foote and Rev. Eugene R. Shippen. About one thousand people taxed the seating capacity of the Chapel to its utmost. Indeed, the seats were filled within a few minutes after the doors were opened. The collection for the relief of the Hungarian Churches amounted to $934.

February 23, 1920.

To the Leaders of the New England Conferences.

Dear Friends:

The New England Missionary Council, together with some representatives of the Church Extension Department, met in my office on January 19th. I was asked to send to the Conference officers, and I am also sending to the ministers, the chairmen of parish committees, the presidents of Laymen's Leagues, and presidents of Women's Alliances, the substance of the discussion.

Influences of incalculable importance, moral and spiritual forces of immense significance, pass through our churches into American life. The centers of these influences in New England must be kept as active and as strong as possible. Besides and above all, our churches are centers for the cultivation of a rational faith, and what is more needed than such centers in the spiritual life of America?

In our Conferences there are churches which are: 1. Strong and self-sustained; 2. Weak, in varying stages, down to; 3. Lapsed. Systematic co-operation will help all three classes, but particularly the second and third.

Agencies for co-operation are:

I. The Ministers. The first and most important objective is to bring the ministers into a more fraternal spirit and association. This objective has been gained in some Conferences and should be gained in all. In their own ministerial associations, the ministers can plan campaigns and co-operative action concerning the Conference needs. It is most important.

II. Women's Alliances. They are highly organized and thoroughly efficient. In times of distress they are always the last to give out or to give up.

III. Laymen's Leagues. Chapters can exchange visits and thus get interested in each other's problems and stimulate denominational loyalty. Visits can be both serious and social and even if the visiting delegation is small to the point of one or two the stimulating effect would be great. Let these meetings be increased throughout the Conference. Let them too be recognized as regular institutions in the Fellowship.

Such co-operation would have great missionary possibilities. The strong chapters can be big brothers to chapters in weak churches. Here is a new expression of Fellowship. It is a new opportunity to bring our Unitarian people into action and to inspire a fraternal sense of personal interest and sympathy. Probably the most beneficial effect would come

to those chapters themselves which actually do something.

IV. Conference Secretaries are the keymen. It is chiefly up to them to see that the above agencies of co-operation are functioning to the limit. A Conference Secretary says, "It has been hard to organize missionary work in the Conference because of a lack of unity of purpose, but all our churches need the invigoration of an active program of work." Co-operation will supply the unity of purpose, and as such co-operation works out the Secretaries will have material for an active program of work.

Results can be achieved only by systematic planning and by continual oversight. The Secretaries must be both planners and overseers.

V. Ministers undertaking co-operative services would do well to take along some of their own church people. Here is a missionary service with the greatest promise. Such a show of lay interest would be a fine help. It would help particularly the people who help. It would be a profound inspiration to our church people to engage in missionary endeavors themselves, and, as churches, assume the pastoral office.

My conviction is that the whole denomination will have to be strengthened by strengthening the units,—individual churches and local Conferences. Systematic co-operation among Conference ministers and churches will accomplish wonders. There is now a keen interest in most of our churches and we must all take advantage of it.

Sincerely yours,

Minot Simons.

Department of Religious Education The Secretary of the Department recently attended an all-day meeting in New York City as the guest of the Religious Education Survey Department of the Interchurch World Movement. The forenoon was given to a consideration of our national public school situation and the afternoon to reports on the situation with regard to religious education. Professors W. C. Bagley and George Strayer of Teachers College, New York, and Dr. Hugh Magill of the National Education Association, were the speakers in the forenoon. In depicting the present situation in education in this country they reminded their hearers that the recent war revealed an alarming condition of illiteracy. One out of every four drafted men could neither read nor write, and one out of every three was found to be physically unfit for service. This extreme illiteracy is due to the fact that in many places no schools are provided, and that in others compulsory education is either not provided or not enforced. Even where pupils receive public school education, the situation is far from ideal. Of the 650,000 teachers in the public schools of the United States, only one in twenty has received what should be the minimum preparation, namely, a high-school course, together with two years of normal training. Fully one-half of all public school teachers have had no more than a primary education. Many of them are not able to speak or write English. It is not strange, therefore, that Professor Bagley should say that "Illiteracy is the millstone around the neck of the body politic."

The situation with regard to religious education was set forth in the afternoon by Professor Walter S. Athearn of Boston University, who is at the head of the religious education survey of the Interchurch movement. He reports that there are twenty-seven millions, that is, considerably more than one-half, of the children and young people in the United States who are not under any kind of religious instruction. The extensive survey of the actual conditions, which he is conducting, has already aroused the evangelical churches to a new sense of their responsibility. They must educate or die. Even where education is provided, the Protestant churches are found to be exceedingly remiss, for while the Jews provide 330 hours instruction a year, and the Catholic 200 hours a year, the Protestant churches provide only 24 hours a year, and that of the desultory and usually inefficient teaching of the typical Sunday-school lesson.

It is such revelations as this that are doing more to bring the churches of the country into co-operative effort than anything else. The urgent need of our nation is accomplishing what all theological controversies and efforts at mutual understanding have failed to do. When the churches have learned that they must co-operate and have actually undertaken such measures, it will probably be found that the only field in which they can work together with entire satisfaction is that of an education which prepares for life. In other words, they will surely come, and evidences are not lacking that they are already coming, to the same fundamental purpose in religious education which is exemplified in the Beacon Course.

Through co-operation with the Alliance, our Department has been able to expand in a new direction. Miss Mary Nightingale Phillips has been appointed field worker, being charged with assisting schools to strengthen their work and establish religious education on a modern basis. She is at present engaged with the church in Charleston, S. C. After Easter she will go to Lynchburg and probably thence to Roanoke, Va. These visits, it should be noted, are different from those other members of the staff have been able to pay for the reason that they will be prolonged through several weeks, where necessary. It is hoped that this branch of our work will be considerably developed in the future.

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The British League of Unitarian and Other Liberal Christian Women

The Women's League was founded in 1908, and has now a roll of 107 branches in Great Britain and Overseas. Its objects are "to quicken the religious life of our churches and to bring Unitarian and other Liberal Christian Women into closer co-operation and fellowship." Below are set forth some aspects of the work upon which it bases its claim to the support and sympathy of all women who love and strive for the joy of a free faith.

It seeks to unite all the women of our churches in one organization, believing that more may be achieved by united than by individual effort.

It endeavors to meet the deepest needs of women and girls by encouraging and fostering the devotional spirit amongst all its members, and, by bringing together those women who have rare spiritual gifts and those others to whom self-expression is difficult, to enable all to share the thoughts and words which lift our everyday life on to a higher and nobler plane.

The Women's League does not demand the creation of new organizations, but it desires that in those congregations where there is already a Women's Union or Society of any kind, the members should affiliate themselves to the League and form their Society into a Branch. In those churches where no Women's Society already exists, the formation of a branch would be found to be of the greatest help in uniting and strengthening the work of the women, and in deepening their sense of responsibility towards the church they would serve, and in bringing them into closer communion and fellowship with the women in other churches.

The "Monthly Letter," circulated throughout the League, brings matters of common interest to the knowledge of all its members, and thereby fosters this sense of union and co-operation.

The "Fellowship" work of the League is so organized that any woman or girl leaving her old neighborhood and church or Sunday School, and going to a district where there is a Unitarian Church or Society can be at once introduced and welcomed there.

Any one going to, or already living in a place which is too far from any of our churches for attendance at the services will find that by becoming a "Fellowship" member of the League, she can be kept in close communion with those of her own faith by friendly letters from a sympathetic correspondent, who will also send her the League "Monthly Letter" and helpful literature.

The same help can be given to those who are going, or have already gone, to the Overseas Dominions or to the United States.

"Friendly Links" are established by the interchange of letters of friendly interest in each other between members of our different congregations, with the object of drawing closer the bonds of friendship everywhere.

League war-work has taken many forms. The branches everywhere made Mrs. Bernard Allen's Belgian Hospital Fund their constant concern, and worked hard to supply the clothing for which she so urgently appealed.

When the Overseas troops began to arrive, the League took steps to learn the names of those men coming from Unitarian Churches, and was then able to arrange that each one received a cordial letter of welcome from an English correspondent. These were much appreciated, and led in many cases to a frequent interchange of letters and even to personal acquaintance.

At the entry of the United States into the war, the same individual welcome and friendliness was offered to and gratefully accepted by the men from the Unitarian Churches there.

As the British Committee of the International Union of Liberal Christian Women, it has cared for cases of undeserved distress amongst enemy aliens stranded in this country, similar work being done for English people in Germany by Dr. Elizabeth Rotten, on behalf of the German International Committee. By the cordial co-operation of these two committees, through the Dutch Committee, many missing relatives have been traced and communicated with, thus relieving some of the anguish of war.

The work and influence of the League have steadily increased year by year as fresh opportunities for service have unfolded. It extends through Great Britain and the Overseas Dominions, and by international communion it helps to strengthen the courage of Liberal Christian women in those countries where freedom of faith has still to struggle for existence.

(We are indebted to Miss Helen Brooke Herford, the Secretary of the British League, for the above article. It will be read with great interest in these days of increasing international fellowship.)

Hungarian Embroidery for Alliance Fairs

The women of Hungary are exceedingly skilful in the making of beautiful embroidery, needlework, and laces, as all who have visited Hungary know. For generations, the peasants even, in Transylvania, have embroidered their choicest clothing with wonderful patterns that are as distinctive of families as the Scotch plaids.

Now The Alliance has voted to join the British League in asking our Hungarian Unitarian friends to send us some of their handiwork. They have no materials, no needles even, to work with, so we must supply them with what is needed. Then we shall help the wives and daughters of ministers, teachers, and other people of refinement, to drive hunger and want from their doors. More than that, we shall give them work, which is the greatest help in times of distress, and we shall let them know that our hearts are touched by their sufferings. After you have given all you can to the Appeal for the relief of Hungary, then invest in this enterprise, which is no more in the nature of a gift than buying a Liberty Bond was. You will receive, in return for your money, beautiful and distinctive articles for your Fair in the Fall, and will help your Alliance as well as the women of Hungary.

Mrs. W. H. Drummond, of London, who has already done such fine work for Hungary, is sending orders to Madame Pelenyi, a Hungarian Red Cross worker at The Hague, who forwards them to Hungary. The English women are asking for afternoon tea cloths, toilet mats, children's pinafores, frocks, and overalls, and hope to have a sale of the work at Whitsuntide, when their May meetings occur.

Madame Pelenyi suggests that we might like to have the Hungarian women embroider for us fine table and bed linen, skirts and blouses of silk, linen, or fine material. While we are not near enough to make orders quite so definite as the women of England can, suggestions as to work and materials will be most helpful, as we are asking Mrs. Drummond to buy supplies for us in England, to save time and expense.

The Alliance Directors, at the March Board meeting, most heartily commended this enterprise; they have asked me to bring the subject before the branches and to transmit orders overseas. Money from the branches or from individuals for this work may be sent to Mrs. C. E. St. John, 33 Kirkland Street, Cambridge 38, Mass. Let us make our response so prompt and generous that our friends in Hungary cannot help feeling the clasp of our hands and the warmth of our love for them.

MARTHA EVERETT ST. JOHN.

Executive Board in the Fifield Memorial Room

The 317th meeting of the Executive Board was held Friday, March 12, in the Fifield Memorial Room at 25 Beacon Street, Boston, Miss Lowell presiding. Thirty-two were present.

Although difficulties of transportation have delayed the arrival of some of the furniture, an enthusiastic vote of thanks was offered to the committee in charge (Mmes. Sawyer, Bancroft, Lowell, Noyes, Whitman), for their successful labors in fitting up this room.

Mrs. Davis spoke for the Fifield Memorial committee, who with Mrs. Mary Fifield King had been especially invited to be present, recalling the general response from the branches in sending their contributions to perpetuate the memory of Mrs. Fifield's service to The Alliance. This room is the dignified and fitting memorial the committee hoped to have realized from those gifts. Mrs. Davis spoke feelingly of Mrs. Fifield's infinite patience, clear vision, and her faithful devotion to our cause. All rose for a moment of silent tribute to Mrs. Fifield's memory.

Miss Lowell introduced her President's report with helpful words about co-operation and consecration, and read the poem on "Consecration" which appeared in the *Christian Register* of February 19.

She spoke of meetings attended the past two months and in particular of the delightful reception given by the New York League to the Laymen's League on February 13. On the afternoon of that day at the home of Mrs. Glogau Miss Lowell had an opportunity to greet Alliance members from New York and New Jersey. In April Miss Lowell will visit the Colorado branches.

Mrs. Davis told of reciprocity day of the Philadelphia League at Wilmington, Del., when Baltimore and Washington officers aroused great interest by their reports. It was a helpful conference with general discussion. She spoke also of meetings in New York and Fairhaven, the latter a large neighborhood gathering.

The Treasurer's statement showed that $1230.17, including $100 from the Missionary Collection, has been received for Hungary. A new way to help the Hungarian women, described in another column of this magazine, was heartily approved by the Board and is recommended to the branches.

It was voted that the balance of the money contributed by New England branches for Revere, Mass., which has been held for some time and seems not to be needed as the church is closed, be transferred to Green Harbor and such other Appeals as may seem best to the Appeals committee, provided the donors do not object. If any do object, will they notify the Treasurer, Mrs. Noyes?

A vote of thanks was passed to the Disciples School, Boston, for their generous action in releasing Miss Mary N. Phillips that she may undertake field work in Virginia and South Carolina. The Appeal for a Sunday School Worker should be completed at once. Bulfinch Place Alliance, Boston, because of its great belief in Sunday School work, voted $25 to this Appeal.

Two new life members were reported: Miss Nathalia Bent, Canton, Mass., and Mrs. Mary E. B. Dunmeyer, Pittsburgh, Pa.

The name of Mrs. Nettie Churchman Turner has been placed *in memoriam* by the Pittsburgh, Pa., First Church branch; and the names of Mrs. Augusta Partridge and Miss Harriet Ware by Milton, Mass.

The Southern Circuit committee reported that Rev. J. W. Heyes, formerly of Ellsworth, Me., has gone to Shelter Neck, N. C., to succeed Mr. Key. On motion of this committee a letter of thanks was voted to the American Unitarian Association for bearing the expense of sending to Burgaw, N. C., an organ and tent which they have loaned Mr. Cowan for his cottage meetings in the circuit.

On the recommendation of the International committee it was voted to take a collection at the public meeting in Tremont Temple, May 26, for the International Fellowship Fund to defray the expenses of the ocean voyage of representative women from the foreign countries with which we are religiously associated, that they may be enabled to attend the International Congress to be held in Boston September 12-16, 1920.

It was voted to send greetings to the International Union of Liberal Christian Women with the assurance that a hearty welcome awaits them when they come to us in the autumn.

Cordial greetings were telegraphed to the Northern California Associate Alliance for its meeting in Sacramento, March 13.

Mrs. Joseph Cushman of Sharon was elected Massachusetts director to fill a vacancy.

A new branch is reported, Bozeman, Montana, *Secretary*, Miss Elizabeth Forrest, 410 S. Grand Ave.

A new Junior Alliance is reported, at Pittsburgh, Pa., First Church.

After hearing in the reports from New Hampshire that snow has wrecked the roof and church at Walpole the Board voted to send a letter of sympathy to the Walpole Alliance.

The next meeting will occur April 9 when Western reports are due and those from Massachusetts will be concluded.

CAROLINE S. ATHERTON,
Recording Secretary.

Junior Fellowship Notes

We have no Junior Alliance on the Pacific Coast, but the young vice-president of a club in California sends the following:

BERKELEY, CALIF. Our church club for young people is called the Channing Club, and most of us are University students. We go on several hikes each year and have a dance every month. On Sunday evenings we meet at 6:30 in the Channing Chapel. We light the fire and have tea and sandwiches, which are provided by the Alliance, as we always try to help each other. Then we have a lecture on some live topic, followed by discussion. We supply ushers on Sundays, decorate the church, sometimes take care of the small children during morning service, supply waitresses for church suppers, and every year give $100 to pay off the mortgage on Unity Hall.

We are very glad to welcome a new Junior Alliance in Pittsburgh, Pa., with officers as follows: President, Miss Mary H. Ames, 5415 Claybourne St.; Vice-President, Miss Elizabeth Storer, 6109 Howe St.; Secretary and Treasurer, Miss Elizabeth Johnson, 1039 Murrayhill Ave.

A member of our committee sends this letter: Dear Children, It is some months since our last chat, but now the time is ripe for another word. as I have just received a letter from France, giving the latest news of the children, whom many of you have helped to keep well and happy. Besides the children cared for at the Garderie during the day, there are three little ones who remain day and night. The entire supervision is in the hands of Mrs. Wilson and her two wonderful daughters, with the assistance of a faithful servant who sleeps

at the Garderie and mothers the three little ones who are there at night. These are Martial, aged five, a French war orphan, also a three-year-old French war orphan, and a little golden haired Italian war orphan. An assistant matron comes daily to help. Like the Misses Wilson, she had a brother killed in the war and therefore puts her heart into the work. One poor Italian mother said of her, "When she combs the children's hair she acts as if she were placing flowers on her brother's grave." An American father and mother are practically secured for little Martial, which will save him from the poorhouse should the Garderie close,—and close it must at the end of the year, if our help is discontinued. Perhaps through the summer months the Juniors, Sunday Schools, and Lend a Hand Societies may earn a few pennies to carry on this work which has been so greatly helped through Unitarian sources. Let us try.

Through Mrs. Riddett and the Canadian Red Cross, the Misses Wilson have gathered many comforts,—such as shirts, night dresses, socks, sheets, pillow cases, rubber sheets, etc.—which they lend to needy families when sickness enters the home. To help purchase more comforts they make and sell wonderful rag dolls. I possess two,—little Miss America, dressed in stars and stripes, and a wonderful Alsacienne. The prices range from 8 to 25 francs. When Christmas draws near let us remember these dollies.

Affectionately yours,

JESSIE VOIGT.

POST OFFICE MISSION

TAKE NOTICE

"Neither do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on the stand; and it shineth unto all that are in the house."

The men are the preachers, the lamps are the sermons, the house is the world. There are thousands of sermons hidden under the bushel. The central Post Office Mission Committee urges that every Alliance president or chairman of a local Post Office Mission committee immediately *send to headquarters, 25 Beacon Street, Boston, every printed sermon available for distribution,* whether the sermons be new or old. There are stored away in many parish houses valuable sermons which should be in process of distribution among eager readers all over the world.

Each month there will be in "Word and Work" a list of these sermons, *"to be had in limited quantity,"* but to be had for the asking. By this means, each Post Office Mission committee will come into possession of Unitarian sermons which are now unread, on the shelves, because their circulation has been limited. Large and small branches alike will share in the massing of material at Headquarters, and whether near or far from the centres of distribution, they will feel new life in their ability to provide their readers with the best thought of our best men.

The April Mission conference April 16 at 11 A. M. will be addressed by Rev. Minot Simons, who will tell how we may co-operate with the department of church extension.

The Listening Angel

This is the title of a card prepared by the British League which contains a photograph of a beautiful stone carving, very old, from Southwell Cathedral, Nottinghamshire. Underneath are these lines from Longfellow:

"Let us then labour for an inward stillness,—
. . . .God alone speaks in us, and we wait
In singleness of heart, that we may know
His will, and in the silence of our spirits,
That we may do His will, and do that only."

Cards may be ordered from Al-

liance headquarters, 25 Beacon St., Boston, at 5 cents each, 50 cents per dozen.

Carolina Industrial School

In these last weeks of the Alliance year when branches are joyfully spending their money, our own Unitarian schools in North Carolina may well be remembered, this in addition to contributions to the Southern Circuit. Here is an excellent opportunity for Junior Alliance or Lend a Hand Club to help the schools, where a wonderful work is carried on for white children of eastern North Carolina. Send gifts, large or small, to the Treasurer, Mr. J. Russell Abbott, Post Office Drawer 2, Boston, Mass.

Anniversary Week

The Alliance announces a change in its program. Wednesday, May 26, will be Alliance day with two sessions in Tremont Temple. The business meeting will be held at 10 A. M. for annual reports, etc. Miss Grace Mitchell, Fellowship Secretary of the British League of Unitarian Women, will speak.

At 2.30 P. M. will occur the public meeting with addresses by Revs. L. H. Denny, F. R. Sturtevant, and George R. Dodson. Rev. Eugene R. Shippen will conduct the devotional service. Mrs. Claude U. Gilson will speak on International Fellowship and a collection will be taken for this fund.

On Thursday Cheerful Letter and Post Office Mission Conferences will be held at 25 Beacon St. as usual.

Many branches will choose their delegates at their April meeting. The by-laws allow one delegate for any number of members under thirty, and another delegate for each thirty members additional to the first thirty. If the membership has changed since the Manual was printed, as many reports seem to indicate, and the branch is entitled to one or more additional delegates, word should be sent to headquarters.

New England Associate Alliance

The annual meeting will be held Thursday, April 22, in the West Newton Unitarian Church. At the morning session at 10.30 reports will be given of the Evening Group of the Springfield Alliance, and the Jamaica Plain Junior Alliance. Signora Clorinda Conte, of our Unitarian Mission in Italy, and Miss Grace Mitchell, Fellowship Secretary of the British League, will speak. A collection will be taken for the International Fund. At the afternoon session Rev. Minot Simons will give the address. Subject, Loyalty.

The Monday Conference of Alliance Branches will be held at 25 Beacon Street, Monday, April 5, at 10.30 A. M. Miss Mary Lawrance will describe what the denomination is doing in religious education. Miss Effie E. Whitman, New England Vice-President, will preside and anyone interested is cordially invited to be present.

News from the Branches

New York, N. Y. Messiah Branch should have been on the honor list of branches (printed in February "Word and Work") that filled all the spaces in the Manual tables, showing that they have done the full work of The Alliance. The blank under Home Church does not mean that they have not given to their church. They gave a bond that did not go through the books. It is a joy to make such a correction and to call attention to the record. It shows, too, that "Word and Work" is carefully read.

Appeals stand as follows:

Green Harbor	$70
Tuckerman School	40
Southern Circuit in addition to pledges	400
Italian Mission	164
Sunday School Worker	214
Social Service Committee	64
Unitarian Hungarian Relief, unlimited	
International Fellowship Fund	unlimited

Young People's Religious Union of the Unitarian Church

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Mrs. Cloyd H. Valentine, *Secretary* Mr. O. Arthur McMurdie, *Treasurer*

New Field Secretary

Beginning March 15th, the Y. P. R. U. greets Miss Adeline Pfleghaar as Field Secretary to continue the work of Mrs. Valentine. With field workers such as Mr. Frederick Eliot in St. Paul, Mr. Harry Hooper in Meadville, Miss Dorothy Dyar in Berkeley, Mr. Frederick West and Mr. Curtis Reese in Chicago, Mr. Nelson Springer in New York, Mr. Ben F. Allen in New Jersey, Mrs. Valentine around Boston and our new enthusiast, Miss Pfleghaar, the young people's work should redouble between now and the May meetings.

Dues to National Y. P. R. U.

Before the first of May dues should be paid Treasurer, Mr. O. Arthur McMurdie, in order to entitle delegates to vote at the annual meeting. Will each organized group of young people in every Unitarian church please join the national body now? We need you all.

Suggested Object of Local Group

1. To serve the church with which it is affiliated.
2. To foster religious, social and civic fellowship.
3. To support the cause of the national Y. P. R. U.

Is each society trying to live up to this object?

Delegates for Annual Meeting

Last year delegates attended the annual meeting from Meadville, Pa., Vineland, N. J., New York, N. Y., and many New England churches. We urge each society to raise sufficient funds to send delegates from all churches this year. The hospitality committee for the week end will entertain young people of societies distant from Boston.

Events of Interest to the Young People

April 10—Gala Day, Church of Disciples, Boston.
April 16—Unitarian Social Club Dance, Unity House, Boston.
April 25—Annual meeting Boston Federation Y. P. R. U.
Unitarian League of Chicago organized for the young people.
Unitarian Club organized at Wellesley College and Simmons College, Boston.
Meadville Federation Y. P. R. U. met at Erie, Pa., March 23, 1920.
Metropolitan Federation Y. P. R. U. Annual Meeting, Staten Island, in April.

Unitarian Temperance Society

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YOUR PART IN THE PROGRAM

In every Unitarian Church there are many individuals who strongly favor prohibition and will be glad to be of service in the campaign for education, good citizenship, and law enforcement.

The plan as drawn by the Unitarian Temperance Society provides for local districts and units through which the friends of prohibition may serve to the best advantage.

The immediate objectives are, through educational methods, to arouse and strengthen moral support of the Temperance cause in every community where there is a Unitarian Church; and through promoting the ideals of good citizenship, to secure enforcement of prohibition laws to the fullest possible extent.

This does not mean that every Unitarian Church is urged to adopt a program which might be objectionable to a majority of its members, but that *all those in any church who favor prohibition should be allowed the privilege of lending their services.*

The program now under way provides for the organization of churches individually and by districts. The churches are arranged in groups according to location, strength, and other considerations, and a supervisor selected for each group. The Supervisor, under the direction of the Central office, will have charge of the churches in his district, and will thus be in a position to encourage and assist in the local work.

In each church the Temperance work should be conducted by a strong committee, preferably a Social Welfare Committee, or other similar group already formed. Where there is no suitable group a special Temperance Committee should be formed. The Chairman of this Committee, co-operating with the district Supervisor, will be in a position to do much toward breaking down the insidious attacks now being launched by the liquor interests.

Do not wait for the representative of the Unitarian Temperance Society to approach you, but write directly to the Central Office at 16 Beacon Street for information and instructions. By taking the initiative you will greatly assist the entire movement.

FUNDS ARE NEEDED

We are increasing our facilities and enlarging our programme with the expectation that Unitarians as churches and as individuals will respond in time to make our work effective.

Memberships

Life Member	$25.00
Sustaining Member	5.00
Associate Member	2.00
Annual Member	1.00

Special contributions are also solicited.

Checks payable to Edward J. Rowse, Treasurer, 16 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass.

The Enforcement of Prohibition in the United States, the new leaflet issued by the Society, will be sent upon request.

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